

Amendments to the Claims:

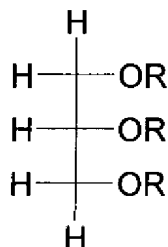
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims.

1. (Original): An aqueous hydraulic fluid comprising, in addition to water, at least one phospholipid lubricant, wherein the hydraulic fluid comprises less than 20% by weight of an oil selected from a mineral oil, a synthetic hydrocarbon oil or any mixture thereof.

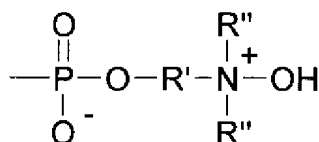
2. (Original): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 comprising water in an amount at least substantially 10% wt of the total weight of the hydraulic fluid.

3. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 or 2 comprising water in an amount of no more than substantially 95% wt of the total weight of the hydraulic fluid.

4. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ wherein the phospholipid lubricant comprises a phosphatide, especially having a structure



wherein at least one R is a phosphorus containing group having the structure



and at least one R is a fatty acyl group; and

wherein R' is independently an alkyl group preferably independently having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms and R'' is an alkyl group preferably independently having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms, ~~more preferably from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.~~

5. (Original): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 4 wherein one R group is a phosphorus containing group and two R groups are fatty acyl groups.

6. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 4 ~~or 5~~ comprising at least one phosphatide selected from phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylinositol, phosphatidylserine and phosphatidylethanolamine.

7. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ comprising more than one phospholipid.

8. (Original): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 7 wherein the hydraulic fluid comprises phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylinositol and phosphatidylethanolamine.

9. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ wherein the total concentration of one ~~the~~ or all of the phosphalipid

lubricants comprises at least substantially 0.1% wt of the total weight of the hydraulic fluid.

10. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ wherein the total concentration of one ~~the~~ or all of the phospholipid lubricants comprises no more than substantially 30% wt of the total weight of the hydraulic fluid.

11. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ comprising a plant-derived lecithin comprising a mixture of phosphatides and/or phospholipids.

12. (Original): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 11 wherein the plant-derived lecithin is selected from soybean lecithin, castor lecithin, rapeseed lecithin, cottonseed lecithin and mixtures thereof.

13. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 11 ~~12~~ wherein the plant-derived lecithin is soybean lecithin.

14. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 11 ~~any one of claims 11 to 13~~ wherein the plant-derived lecithin comprises at least 1% wt of the total weight of hydraulic fluid.

15. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ wherein one of ~~the~~ or each phospholipid, or mixture of phospholipids is substantially the sole lubricant in the hydraulic fluid.

16. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ further comprising at least one corrosion inhibitor.

17. (Original): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 16 wherein the corrosion inhibitor comprises an alkylamine or alkanolamine.

18. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ further comprising an anti-freeze additive.

19. (Original): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 18 wherein the anti-freeze additive is selected from a glycol compound, glycerol, or a glycerol ester.

20. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ comprising less than 10% wt of a mineral oil, synthetic hydrocarbon oil or mixture thereof.

21. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~20~~ comprising less than 1% wt of a mineral oil, synthetic hydrocarbon oil or mixture thereof.

22. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~20 or 24~~ comprising less than 0.1% wt of a mineral oil, synthetic hydrocarbon oil or mixture thereof.

23. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ which is substantially free of mineral oil, synthetic hydrocarbon oil and mixtures thereof.

24. (Currently Amended): An aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~ substantially free of phosphorodithioates.

25. (Canceled).

26. (New): A stable aqueous hydraulic fluid comprising, in addition to water, a plant-derived lecithin as substantially the sole lubricant of the hydraulic fluid, and at least one component selected from a glycol, a glycerol ester, and glycerol, wherein the hydraulic fluid is substantially free of a mineral oil, a synthetic hydrocarbon oil or any mixture thereof, the water is present in an amount of at least 10% wt and no more than 90% wt of the total weight of the hydraulic fluid, and wherein the lecithin is present in an amount of from 0.1% wt up to substantially 40% wt of the total weight of the hydraulic fluid.

27. (New): Use of the aqueous hydraulic fluid of Claim 1 or 25 in an off-shore, mineral or mining drilling apparatus.

28. (New): The aqueous hydraulic fluid as claimed in Claim 4 wherein R" is an alkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.